Anthropic IPO:

the book booms, the price climbs, the details count

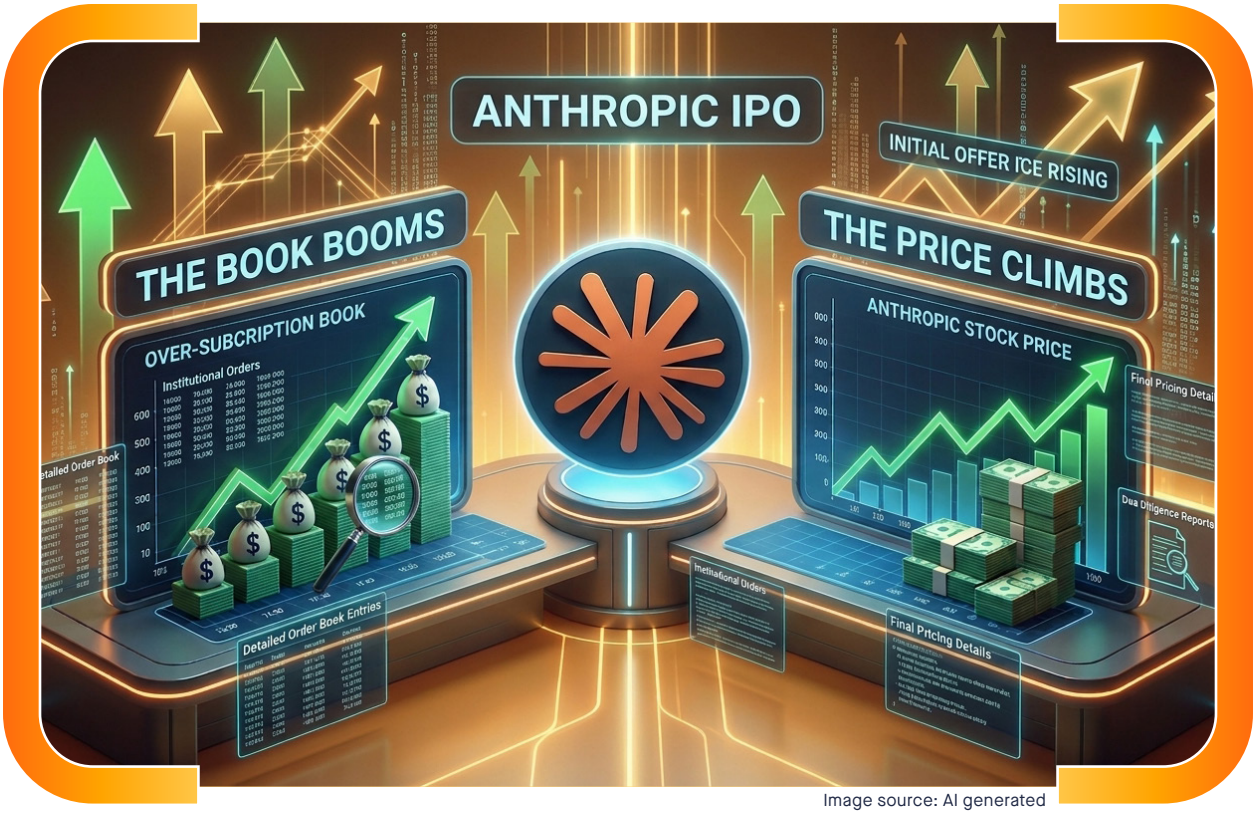


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On Tuesday, 10 November, Anthropic filed a range of $70 to $78 for 825 million shares. That evening, the Financial Times reported that bankers expect to price above $78, lifting the target to $1.5tn or more. On Wednesday, Bloomberg reported that the book was several times oversubscribed.

› Up to $90bn raised, close to $100bn with the greenshoe. The IPO brings up to $64.4bn, plus a $26bn non-voting placement with Google, Nvidia, AMD, Broadcom, Micron, Microsoft and TSMC. About 20% is aimed at retail investors, against a usual 5% to 10%.

› $1tn or $1.4tn, depending on the share count. The top of the range is worth about $1.02tn on shares outstanding and $1.40tn fully diluted, or 17.6x the October run rate and 7.2x the company's entire 2028 plan.

› A full cycle in a month. Valuation talks went from $2tn in September to near $1tn after the post-midterm AI sell-off, then back to $1.5tn. We found no large deal where price talk moved above a range within 24 hours of launch.

› The price assumes the plan. At $1.5tn, delivering $190bn to $200bn of 2028 revenue at the 35% target margin roughly justifies today's value on 30x earnings. Upside requires beating the plan. Pricing is due on 18 November, with the first trade expected on 19 November.

A record raise, a range already too low

The amended S-1 filed on Tuesday fills in the terms the October prospectus left blank. Counting the strategic placement, this would be the largest equity raise on record, ahead of SpaceX's $85.7bn in June.

Item	Terms
Listing	Nasdaq Global Select, ticker ANT
Shares offered	825 million Class A: about 801.4 million new shares, 23.6 million sold by existing holders
Price range	$70 to $78 per share
IPO gross proceeds	$57.75bn to $64.35bn
Greenshoe	Up to 123.75 million extra shares, about $9.7bn at the top of the range
Strategic placement	$26bn of non-voting Class N stock at the IPO price: Google, Nvidia, AMD, Broadcom, Micron, Microsoft, TSMC
Total raise	Up to $90.4bn, close to $100bn with the greenshoe
Net proceeds to Anthropic	About $84.6bn at the $74 midpoint; mainly for compute and infrastructure
Retail allocation	About 20% targeted (typical: 5% to 10%); retail offers also in Switzerland, the UK, nine EEA countries, Canada, Australia and Japan (up to ~$3.5bn), with no listing outside Nasdaq
Timing	Not in the filing. Press reports point to pricing on 18 November and first trading on 19 November; Anthropic has not confirmed
Control	Founders hold 50.1% of voting power through Class F shares; the Long-Term Benefit Trust elects a board majority

The calendar remains unofficial, but the next milestone is set: a livestream between Dario Amodei and JPMorgan's Jamie Dimon on Friday, 13 November. With a fifth of the deal aimed at individuals, it is likely to be one of the most closely watched moments of the roadshow.

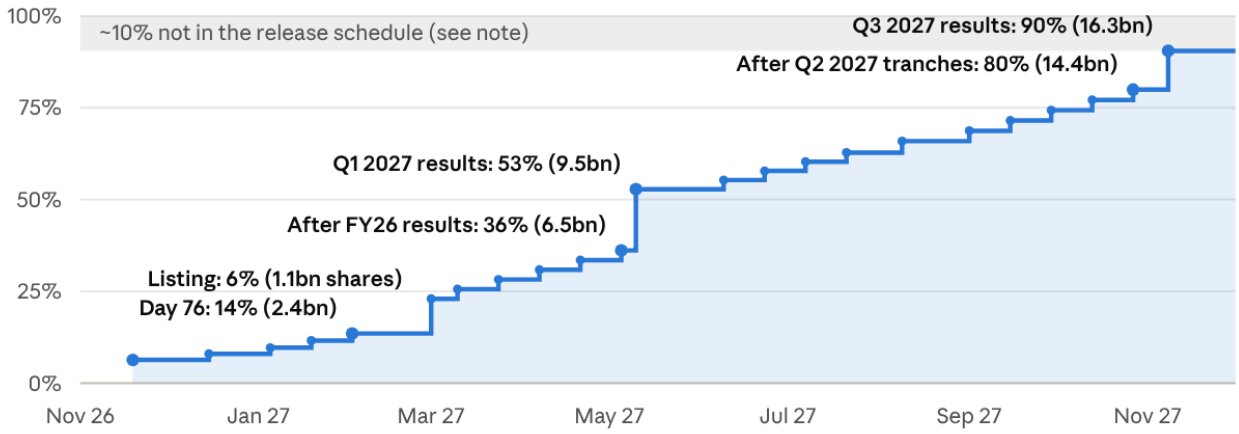
The circularity continues. The $26bn placement comes from the companies that supply Anthropic's chips, memory, manufacturing and cloud capacity, several of which are already shareholders and distribution partners. Part of the money they invest will return to them through the $895bn of compute commitments disclosed in the S-1, the loop we described in our October notes. Google and Nvidia take $10bn each, amounting to 77% of the total. Google's purchase is the exercise of an option under its 2026 financing agreement with Anthropic, and AMD's partly settles its own hardware supply contract.

A thin float, founder control. The 825 million shares on offer represent about 6% of the shares outstanding after the IPO and less than 5% on a fully diluted basis, about 7% with the greenshoe. The roughly 351 million placement shares sit outside the lock-up but are restricted securities, so they do not trade freely at listing either. Control stays with the seven co-founders, who keep 50.1% of the votes through Class F shares, while the Long-Term Benefit Trust elects a majority of the board. As at Meta, Alphabet or SpaceX, public shareholders will own the economics far more than the decisions.

Supply arrives in waves. About 6% of the shares can trade at listing and 14% by early February. Two big steps follow: the FY26 results (36% by May) and the Q1 2027 results (53%), when the co-founders may sell up to 29% of their stock. In between, new tranches are released roughly every two weeks, and 90% is free by the Q3 2027 results, a year after the IPO.

Tradable shares climb from 6% at listing to half after Q1 2027 results

Shares that can be sold, cumulative, % of ~18.0bn fully diluted · share counts from the S-1/A of 10 Nov, dates indicative



Source: S-1/A of 10 Nov 2026, dates indicative; the last 10% are placement shares and unvested awards outside the release schedule.

The range itself followed a false start: a draft showing 867 million shares at $70 to $80 circulated to banks on Monday evening and was withdrawn. The book was reported to be covered at the filed range the same day. By Wednesday, Bloomberg described it as several times oversubscribed, driven by large anchor orders, while bankers were preparing to go above the range. A broker was also offering a venture investor's shares at 4% above the eventual IPO price.

Price per share	Basic value	Fully diluted value	FD / October run rate (~$80bn)	FD / 2028 plan ($195bn)
$70	$0.92tn	$1.26tn	15.8x	6.5x
$78	$1.02tn	$1.40tn	17.6x	7.2x
~$83 (FT talk, our estimate)	$1.09tn	$1.50tn	18.8x	7.7x

A week is a long time

In September, investors expected a float at $2tn or more. The public S-1 on 26 October kept $1.5tn to $2tn in play. In early November, after the post-midterm AI sell-off, investors told the Wall Sreet Journal that the figure should come down, with one suggesting a valuation closer to $1tn, and Bloomberg reported buyers discussing $1.1tn to $1.3tn. The filed range landed at $1.26tn to $1.40tn, and within hours the talk was of $1.5tn. The quarter, the compute commitments and the 2028 plan were all known by early November: what moved was the AI tape.

Raising a range in a hot deal is not new, the speed is. Facebook lifted its range after about a week of marketing in May 2012, and Alibaba, whose book was covered within two days in September 2014, did so after a week as well. SpaceX avoided the question in June with a fixed price. Among the large deals we checked, none saw price talk move above the range within 24 hours of launch, let alone the day after the range was cut overnight.

Revenue × margin × multiple

Bankers are valuing Anthropic on 2028 figures, so the price breaks into three variables.

- **Revenue**: the company plan is $190bn to $200bn in 2028, about 2.4 times the October run rate. Monthly growth slowed to mid-single digits in August and September, and price cuts took about $600mn from revenue between Q2 and Q3.
- **Margin**: the long-term adjusted operating margin target is above 35%. Q2 delivered 19% adjusted, Q3 15%, with a $567mn GAAP loss as compute rose to 58% of revenue.
- **Multiple**: at $1.4tn to $1.5tn, Anthropic trades at 7.2x to 7.7x its 2028 plan, close to Microsoft's 7.6x consensus 2028 sales (Visible Alpha, via the FT), against 4.6x for Nvidia and 23.1x for Palantir.

On 30x earnings and a 21% tax rate, $1.5tn needs about $50bn of 2028 net income: $181bn of revenue at a 35% margin, or $253bn at 25%. Adding a 10% annual return lifts the bar to $219bn at 35%. The plan and the target margin roughly support today's price; anything above requires beating one or both. These are illustrative scenarios, not price targets.

Sources: Anthropic S-1/A No. 2 (10 Nov, SEC EDGAR); CNBC, CNN and Forbes; Financial Times; Bloomberg (11 Nov); Reuters (14 Aug); WSJ; Syz Focus notes.

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